

Small Group Discussion Questions Fairfield County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- New Career Center
- Facilities renovations
- Faith-based education opportunities
- Work Keys initiatives (27 states we are now)
- Parent resource center
- Adult ed. programs
- Technology night classes
- Dual credit classes
- Partners w/ midlands Tech/USC
- Tutoring and after school programs
- Transit system
- 1st steps program
- training done at least four or more times a year for child care providers
- six or more child care facilities
- Red Ribbon activities
- Arts Program
- Teen institute
- Distance learning
- Work Keys grant
- Facility improvement /curriculum improvement
- Carious diversity presentation
- Ethnic meals
- Behavioral health partnership
- BEP
- Community service projects
- Educate the “whole child”
- SRO – Program
- Parenting resource rooms
- Computer labs/access
- Active boards
- Laptops
- ITV/ETV
- DELC Center

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Parent involvement
- Schools are not parent friendly
- Child care for after-school adult programs
- Transportation
- Communications
- Motivation
- Teacher retention
- Not enough elective dual credit @ high school or career center
- Relationship between high school and career center
- Not enough is being done
- Transportation(no public)
- Housing
- Education in low poverty division
- Lack of resource equity
- Teen age pregnancy
- High unemployment rate
- Facilities-space
- Student behavior
- Travel to school (distance)
- Lack of adult education
- Lack of mentors and teachers
- Classroom management
- Support for teachers by administration
- Proper materials/resources
- Pleasant work place
- Parental support
- Caring about the child
- No pride/unity
- Media
- New career center
- Low expectations
- Loss of generation
- Education apathy
- Discipline in the classroom
- Drugs
- pregnancy
- Crime
- Student self esteem

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Make parents active stakeholders
- Expand adult ed. – program offerings to include fringes (transportation, childcare, etc.)
- All schools working together w/total community
- Make students stakeholders
- More rigorous curriculum across the board-reconfiguring the school day, address the school day. (Saturday academics, (summer school, etc.)
- Combining existing resources
- More community involvement to include faith based organizations.
- Communication
- Parental involvement
- Higher education within Fairfield County
- Continue joint meeting
- Include faith – based community
- Hold people accountable/everyone
- (legislators, administration, parents, etc.)
- financial community
- promote “positive”
- community support
- with school district partnership
- teachers/principals
- live in community

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Volunteer at school
- Become a coach or mentor for students
- Participate in the community